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PEACE

2-Day Spontaneous National Celebration As People Give Thanks For Final Victory

Sprague Workers Praised By Undersecretary Patterson

Atomic Bomb Secret Well Kept

Undersecretary of War, Robert B. Patterson, in a message received August 20th, congratulated Sprague employees who worked on parts of the atomic bomb.

The message was addressed to "Madison Square", apparently the code name for North Adams in the famous Manhattan project. It read as follows:

"Today the whole world knows the secret which you have helped us keep for many months. I am pleased to be able to add that the warlords of Japan now know its effects better even than we ourselves. The atomic bomb which you have helped to develop with high devotion to patriotic duty is the most devastating military weapon that any country has ever been able to turn against its enemy. No one of you has worked on the entire project or known the whole story. Each of you has done his own job and kept his own secret, and so today I speak for a grateful nation when I say congratulations and thank you all. I hope you will continue to keep the secrets you have kept so well. The need for security and for continued effort is fully as great now as it ever was. We are proud of every one of you.

What Price Victory?

In our rejoicing and cheering because the war is ended let us not forget those who can never return. Let us not forget those former Sprague workers who once worked side by side with us here. Let us not forget those thousands and thousands of men from all over the country who have been wounded and disabled for life. Let us resolve that this sort of thing must never happen again and actively work for continued Peace backed up by more than mere words.



Changes In Reconversion Plans Seen As Temporary

The sudden halt to the Jap war has brought drastic problems to the country in all phases of business, industry and government. Fortunately at Sprague Electric Company well laid reconversion plans have been in the making during the past year or more. Hence it is strongly hoped that the present layoffs due to cancellations of war contracts will in the main be of short duration and that the majority of those laid off now or later due to contract cancellations will be reemployed before too long. In any event the Company is doing everything humanly possible to speed up the steps necessary to a return to normal civilian production with reasonably full employment rolls.

President Truman To Proclaim Actual V-J Day

MacArthur to Receive Formal Surrender in Japan August 31 Mikado Must Obey Him As Supreme Commander

Americans Now Occupying Japan by Air, Land and Sea

Reconversion Gets Underway After Sudden Halt to Hostilities In Pacific

We have won the war. Only last May the world witnessed V-E Day which foretold inevitable doom for Japan and final victory for the Allies. And now it is here! As we go to press formal V-J Day itself is only hours away!

Years of horror, hate, misery and destruction will now become history. Yet we cannot forget how for three black years our own fate hung in the balance. We won out through sheer grit and courage that were supposed to be lacking in our so-called "decadent democracy." Nor was all our blood spilt on battlefields. Last December official Army orientation programs took special pains to tell soldiers returning from overseas that up to that date more people were killed in industry than were lost by our Army on all fronts.

Yet nothing could stop us! Soon the wooden guns and makeshift tanks gave way to the real thing. America went all out with a unity never experienced in all history. "Too

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543 Sprague Employees in Service



18 Sprague Men Made the Supreme Sacrifice



48 Veterans Now Working at Sprague's

"Of the Employees,-by the Employees,-for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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little, too late" became "enough and on time." The scales tipped in our favor. Industry came through!

As we look back to the day Sprague workers first won the Army-Navy "E", that coveted award becomes more than a mere symbol of excellence in war production. It signifies the splendid teamwork of all Sprague workers as they joined in a national patriotic effort to build up the production power of the United States to a point which now staggers the imagination.

Sprague Employees Join With War Production Workers throughout Country in 2-Day Joyous and Prayerful Observance of Victory Over Japan and End of War

Immediately following the announcement by the press that President Truman had verified the fact that Japan had accepted the Potsdam Ultimatum, the thrill of Victory spread like wildfire through the homes of all Sprague workers.

From that Tuesday evening of August 14th and on through Wednesday and Thursday, the city of North Adams was the scene of rejoicing and celebrations such as the community had never before witnessed. Wednesday and Thursday were indeed spontaneous and natural holidays. At the same time a deep, serious and solemn note accompanied all this outburst of pent-up emotion. Thousands attended the various churches for services of solemn prayer and meditation. These two momentous days ushered in the period of Armistice during which the Japanese sent their representatives to the headquarters of General MacArthur at Manila. As the LOG goes to press we await word of the landing of General MacArthur in Japan, protected by land, sea, and air forces, to receive the signature of the Mikado and his staff in Tokyo, itself.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

National Headquarters
Washington 13, D. C.

August 11, 1945

SPRAGUE VICTORY LOG

Beaver Street

North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Whitten:

I had hoped long before this to let you know that I personally, as well as other members of our staff at Red Cross National Headquarters, very much appreciated the support which you provided us during our 1945 War Fund campaign last March in the columns of SPRAGUE VICTORY LOG.

Our \$200,000,000 goal was over-subscribed, and at National Headquarters we have no doubt that the support which American editors gave us had much to do with this splendid success. Again our heart-felt thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. MacHatton
Publicity Department

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A Salute to the Nurses' Aides

When the two day holiday was declared for V-J celebrators, most industries and stores closed down. There were some persons, however, who continued to work. Among these were the Nurses' Aides: Rita Card, Margaret Daub, Virginia Filault, Elinor MacKay, Kathleen Mullen, Emma Underwood, Jessie Waryasz and Mary Zona. They gave their services freely and willingly to the hospital,—and our sincere appreciation and thanks goes out to them.

Associate Editor on Vacation

Mary Mathews dropped us a card from Lake George, where she apparently is having a grand time.

Oh, yes, we mustn't forget Art Mathews, Safety Engineer for the Sprague Company, who is also at Lake George. Who knows, maybe both of them are in that canoe in the picture poster they sent us.

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August Safety Program Features Physical Safety Guards

The safety program, that has been in progress for the past two months, has been given splendid co-operation by all superintendents and foremen. The results have been gratifying.

The month of August was devoted to Physical Safety Guards.

Good Questions

Are the protective equipment and garments required in good condition? Do you check to make sure the operators use or wear them? Have you taken time to explain why the physical safe guards have been purchased and installed for the operators protection? Oft times a worker may not understand the reason for this precaution. Explain it to him. Ask him to let you know if he notices any defects or breaks.

The repairing of a piece of equipment or replacing of a garment is nothing compared to the mending and healing of an injury. The constant checking up on all protective equipment and garments cannot be stressed too strongly.

If all concerned will make an effort to form a habit of this checking system, accidents will be prevented, suffering and loss time, cut to a minimum.

SPRAGUE WORKERS WERE ESSENTIAL TO COMPLETE AN EARLY VICTORY

To each and every person who worked at Sprague Electric Company during the war go the sincerest words of appreciation for their patriotic part in the war production schedules demanded of the company. While it has at all times been impossible to divulge the ultimate kind of equipment on which the parts would be used, Sprague workers may all rest assured that they were engaged in making components which were of the highest importance in waging the war and bringing it to its final victorious conclusion. To them all, and to their families, who helped them in keeping up their health, safety and attendance records, the highest praise of the company, community and country is due.

VICTORY

Not all of us could wear the uniform,

Not even though we gladly would have gone

To battle in the place of those we love

For right, and liberty and peace.

Not all of us could fly the flaming sky,

Or land mid fire and shell on foreign shore.

Or weary unto death slog on through jungle slime

Until we fell some day forgotten . . . missing.

Yet we could pray each night and day for those

Who once had worked and played beside us here,—

Pray that the God we all revere will bring

Their souls to see the eternal Victory.

—E. S. W.

Forty-eight Veterans of World War II Now At Sprague's

In a recent issue of the Log we published the names of 47 war veterans now employed at the Sprague Electric Company. As we go to press, we announce the name of Joseph Poissant, who has been added to the list of veterans now working at Sprague's, making a total of 48.



Thanks for the LOG

Western Pacific
July 9, 1945

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to thank all of you for the package I received. At this time I also want to say thanks for the Log which I receive.

I am feeling fine and hope to be back in North Adams again soon.

Regards to the boys in the Machine Shop.

As ever,
William Browne

Scholarships Available To Young Children

The announcement of the opening date of Pine Cobble School, of Williamstown, on Sept. 17th, for the 1945-46 term will be of interest to many at Sprague's, as there are several children of employees enrolled.

Today, education assumes a greater importance than ever before. The G.I. Bill of Rights will mean a college education for thousands who would otherwise have been limited to high school. This will raise the standards of colleges and will make it progressively more difficult to be admitted.

Children should start their preparation for college in the lower grades by developing good study habits. An eagerness to learn can be best encouraged in small classes where the children are given individual attention and allowed to progress according to their own ability.

A scholarship fund has been established at Pine Cobble to bring the cost

within the reach of all. It is also well to remember that a good student who has not been handicapped by poor schooling can go through college on scholarships. Such funds are unlimited in many outstanding colleges—but are only available to those who qualify.

Pine Cobble has an able staff of experienced teachers, headed by Prof. Samuel E. Allen. His newly appointed assistant is Mr. L. A. Hallock, who has, for a number of years, been a member of the faculty at Williamstown High School. Mr. Hallock is introducing manual training and mechanical drawing this year. Art and music appreciation are also offered. Since the school established itself, three years ago, in its new home, many improvements have been made. The building was formerly one of Williamstown's most beautiful residences. The various rooms have been converted readily into cheerful, pleasant classrooms, and the finest fluorescent lighting obtainable has been installed throughout. The school bus will continue to make two trips, daily, to North Adams.

If you feel that your child could benefit by the advantages of this school, telephone Williamstown 208, in the morning between 9 and 12. Mrs. Julian Sprague, North Adams 2075, will also be glad to give further information.

—BUY WAR STAMPS—

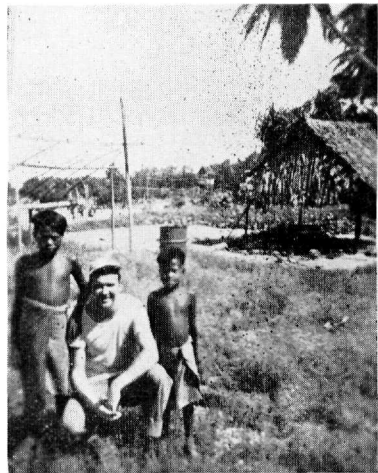


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Going Native



Cpl. Chas. Plankey, brother of Lydia Camadine of Production Scheduling Department, is pictured with two native boys on island of Makin.

Rockets and Searchlights

August 12, 1945
Philippines

Dear Friends:

I received the March issue of the *Log* and was very glad to get it. I guess it just about followed me every where I went. I thought I'd send my address to make it easier.

I saw Ed Suthers and Ray Mahar in their "Doggie Suits" — they looked swell. I'm with another North Adams boy, Ed French, and I always share my *Log* with him. We were sorry to hear about Danny Mahoney.

We sure would love to see some snow and are planning on being home for Xmas.

Friday, when we heard the Jap Peace offer, the air was filled with rockets and searchlights. We were all yelling like Indians. Bet the noise from the bells at home was swell to hear.

I'll close now, I've got duty tonight.

Best wishes,

Ray Johnson, S1-c

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Ronan In London



Cpl. Harold Ronan, formerly of the Tubular Assembly, sends this picture taken in London at Piccadilly Circus.

Sick of Seeing Water

July 23, 1945
At Sea

Dear Friends:

I am sending you this letter to thank you all for the package I received a few days ago. Everything was in perfect shape. You can't say that too often out this way.

The *Sprague Log* also caught up with me the same day. It was great to read about people you really know for a change. I was very glad to read that D. Chilson was headed back for the States. That is the day we are all longing for.

I am in good health but sure am sick of seeing water. We are kept pretty busy most of the time so that helps out some.

There is not much we can talk about but I guess you people on the home front are kept pretty well informed. That play by play description when we were around Japan, even surprised us. I guess they know what they are doing.

Thanking you again.

Thomas Ed Dean S1-c
P.S.—Please excuse me for writing with pencil. At home I used to hear: "Swing and Sway" with Sammy Kaye, but out here it's: "Swing and Sway" the S.S. DeHaven way. Which is the reason for using pencil.

Dust and Ashes

Berlin, Germany
July 30, 1945

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to let you know that I receive the *Log* regularly. It's very interesting to read and brings back memories of the old gang.

I miss that gang very much, but it won't be long before I will be back with them again. I was a former employee in the Filter Department. I'm glad to know that the *Sprague Company* is doing their part toward winning the war.

The other day I went on a bus tour to Berlin. There wasn't much of anything left to see. Berlin is now called the city of "Dust and Ashes."

I'm quite satisfied with my new job. I really don't know how I'm going to act or feel when I get back to the good old U. S. A. I must say so long because this is all for now.

Keep up the good work now. Remember me to all.

As ever,

Michael P. Sarkis

Nice Seeing Gang

July 27, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

I received the package sent by the *Sprague Electric* employees and am very thankful to you all for the wonderful gift. It was a surprise to receive the package so soon. I was at the hospital at the time. It sure was a surprise but it made me feel very happy.

I received the *Log* yesterday and it sure was good to read the news from the plant.

I hope to be back soon and return to work with all the gang.

I'll say so long for now. May God bless you all forever.

Thank everyone at the plant for me, hope to see them all again soon.

Yours,

Albert Messina

Plankey Poses With Nurses



Nurses and new born baby, on Makin Island. While he was on tour of inspection Charlie Plankey poses with them.

Resumes Destroyer Duty

Allen E. McLain, fireman first class, has returned to Boston after spending a ten-day leave. Fireman McLain has been assigned to a destroyer, doing convoy duty in the Atlantic since the completion of his boot training at Sampson, N. Y., late last year. Allen was employed in the Bath Tub Department before entering the service.

Pvt. Calvin W. Aubertine On Way Home from ETO

Pvt. 1st Class Calvin W. Aubertine of 171 Houghton Street is enroute home from Europe with the Five Star Santa Fe division, which in ten months battled across the Elbe river to within 42 miles of Berlin it was announced by an assembly area headquarters in France.

While fighting with the Sante Fe division which forced the Germans from St. Lo, broke the counter-offensive at Mortain, swept across France, cracked into Germany's Saar valley and then whipped into Belgium and Luxembourg to wither von Runstedt's Ardennes bulge, Pvt. Aubertine was awarded the Purple Heart, the ETO ribbon with three battle stars, a unit citation and the combat infantryman's badge. Pvt. Calvin was formerly employed in the Paper Assembly.

Returns to LeJeune

Corp. Daisy Dabrowski of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve has returned to LeJeune, N.C., after spending a ten day leave with her parents. Daisy was formerly employed in the Gas Mask Department.

Pvt. Frank Santelli Home on Furlough

Pvt. First Class, Frank Santelli, formerly from K.V.A., spent a 30-day furlough at home. He had just returned from 14 months of overseas duty after seeing action in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany.

Pvt. Santelli wears the ETO ribbon with four battle stars and the Good Conduct medal. His division was fighting in the Ruhr pocket when the Germans surrendered, and was one of the first to cross the Rhine.

Learned to Take Knocks

July 29, 1945
Underway in S. Pacific

Dear Miss Owen:

Received the very much appreciated box from the *Sprague* employees and having the opportunity at present, I will endeavor to answer it in return.

Sure would be great to be back to *Sprague's*, even if I did do a bit of yelling about things in general when I was there, but I think I've learned to take the knocks of life a lot more like they should be taken. I used to work in Factory Engineering, if you remember me. Please ask the fellows to drop me a few lines. I don't get much time but I'll try to write them later, especially Bill Jette, Buck Bullett, Milt. Spencer and Ernie Purpura.

We took part in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, also another small battle, which is about all I can say.

Our mail comes in bunches as a rule because we move around so much. Even though some of it is very old material it is still swell to read. Eventually the *Log* reaches me and I join in with all the other boys in saying it's great to read about the folks back in good old N. A.

If all goes well I may see N. A. by next summer.

Sincerely yours,

Robert McPherson F1-c

Paradise?

Somewhere in the Pacific
Dear Miss Owen:

We're just relaxing now after a lot of overtime getting our new camp comfortable. The atmosphere is filled with fresh paint and new lumber. The camp is set on a terraced-sloping hillside facing a narrow bay. There are two tents to each tiny garden terrace where the natives' crops, beans, corn and sweet potatoes are still unharvested. Pine trees shade our dwelling and add to its beauty.

From our tents we are able to look out and see the blue bay, and the green hills beyond. Black rocks seem to be rising out of the sea. It's a wonderful sight.

The new chow hall is a place of comfort. It is cooled by the quiet breeze blowing in from the water. The cooks and mess cook in white keep it looking spick and span. At night it is the bright spot of camp. The boys congregate to read, write and play cards. Hot coffee is available to warm the tummy and the spirits.

Well, Miss Owen, I guess this is about all for now. Sure hope it isn't too long before I'll be able to pay you and the Plant a visit.

Sincerely,

Albert Joseph DiLorenzo

Seaman W. J. Pasotti To Serve on Cruiser

Seaman 2nd Class William J. Pasotti from K.V.A. is now at Newport, R.I., preparing for duty aboard the USS Los Angeles, a new heavy cruiser, according to the official navy release.

He will be attached to the lookout division of the big ship. He entered the Navy last January and reported to Newport after completing recruit training at the Naval training center at Sampson, N. Y.

Makin M.D.



Native doctor on Makin Island, in the Pacific.

Still Prefers N. A.

August 8, 1945
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Washburn,

I'm not very good at writing letters but I hope you don't think that I didn't appreciate the *Log* I used to receive each month. I have not received it for the last two months and I miss it very much. It used to keep me in touch with everyone I knew, and how everything was going at *Sprague's*.

I have my wife and child here with me now, and they like it very much here in Texas; nevertheless we still prefer North Adams.

I went up for my rate last month and I made it. I am now 3rd class petty officer. But my one wish is to get out of this Navy as soon as possible and I guess all we service men feel the same.

I have been quite lucky since I got into the Navy so really have no kick coming. I know that you are all doing a grand job. Keep up the good work. Yours truly,

Al Cardinal

12-Day Furlough

Pvt. William L. Coleman, Jr., has completed his basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga., and spent a 12-day furlough at home. He was formerly from Etch. House.

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In So. Pacific



Francis T. O'Brien S1-c somewhere in the So. Pacific, formerly of the Sample Department. Francis is a nephew of Elizabeth Hunt of the Block Test.



Machine Shop

By J. Walsh and "Cedo" Remillard

Hey, Stupid! This is an expression of "Nick" Richardello of our Department. But listen folks to this. Recently, said Nick waited in front of the plant one-half hour for wifey to come and get him after his days work. Suddenly a voice called out, "Did you forget you left your car in the parking lot?" I say, Nick, did we hear someone call "Stupid"

John Walsh went to Boston, Mass. and celebrated V-J day by eating a scrumptious dinner of the traditional Boston Baked Beans.

Is that a diesel engine under the hood of "Cedo" Remillard's car? It is a known fact that he buys his oil by the gallon and more frequently than others buy gas.

Once more there is freedom of speech in the Department, the fair damsels have bid us a fond adieu.

"Tuffy" Rondeau sure showed us what can be done with a little sandpaper and varnish plus some good old elbow grease. His desk reflects like a mirror, what a polish! Nice work, Tuffy.

Factory Engineering

By Doris Roy

This department is beginning to look like itself again with everyone back from vacationing.

Andreanna Prystas is back at her drawing board after a five weeks' leave of absence, four of which were spent with her husband T-5 Emil Prystas who just returned from overseas on a thirty day furlough.

Laura Ferguson is also back following the old routine of drafting after enjoying a two weeks' vacation. One week being spent at home and the other in New York and New Jersey. "Red" sure leads the life of a traveling saleswoman.

John Tolmie had just about the sunniest week any vacationer could dream of and from what we gather he made the most of every minute.

Bernie Bullett and Ralph Boisjolie remain undecided as to what week would be the best for a vacation, but more about this later.

(Our reporter failed to mention her own vacation spent at her parent's camp at Windsor Lake.) We know the rain could never dampen her spirit. That's a fine tan you have, Doris. (Editor's note)

Dry Test

By L. B. and V.

Welcome back Mrs. James after your vacation with your son, Frank.

Mrs. Wimpenny is the new owner of the title "Sleepy Time Gal" since Mrs. Strange's absence.

Mail was received from Ann Tyche and she would like to be remembered to all her co-workers.

We understand Gladys Sullivan's trip to New York was highly successful. Hurry back Mrs. Veazie, we miss you (E. G. B.)

Hope you're enjoying your swing music and also your daughter Polly's company, Mrs. Bowes.

Who is the Eleanor Powell of Dry Test? Ask "Bunny" Toney, she knows.

That was quite a foot race you had last Friday noon, Jeannie Chalifoux. You should know you can't beat a car.

Julius Lincoln vacationed at the Cape. Did you have a nice time, Julius?...Leona Charbonneau spent her vacation helping to fix their new home which her parents purchased recently.

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

Many of this Department have been enjoying vacations during the past few weeks —

Rita and Raymond Bishop spent several rainy days at their farm in Vermont. Too bad the sun was so ungracious...Fred Crosier enjoyed his vacation at home and Doris Hiser said the weather was very satisfactory at Camp Lauderdale, Cambridge, New York, where she and her friends spent a week...Emma Underwood spent a week at home visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Royds and their two children, Jimmy and Larry who have returned from Pine Bluff, Arkansas...Harold Farnum spent a few days at his summer camp and Raymond Calvi has returned to work after taking his vacation out of town...Mary Pregeluber and Verna Lamore went to Hampton Beach for their vacations and returned looking as brown as Indians...

Mildred Forgea is back after a leave of absence which she took with her husband in California.

We are happy to extend a welcome to our new members in the Department: Dorothy Mancuso, and Doris Domenick, who have been transferred from Check Inspection to assist Rita Slade.

Also we welcome Ernest Mason to Specifications. Ernest has recently received a discharge from the Army, as T-S.

A supper party was held August 16th at the Richmond Hotel in honor of Gene McKay who is leaving soon to study as a medical assistant and laboratory technician at Paine Hall in N. Y. Gene was presented a purse of money. We are sorry to have you leave, Gene, and hope the new work meets your expectations.

We all were sorry to learn that Harry Martin has again been confined to the hospital. Jeannette Denno, we are glad to hear you are well on the road to recovery following an appendectomy at Plunkett Memorial Hospital. Hope to have you both back with us soon.

Block Test

By Barbara King

Those with perfect attendance and no tardiness for the month of July are: Frederick Landry, Henry Meczywor, Albert Vareschi, Fred Suthers, Nellie Cavanaugh, Bertha Jennings, Julia Abraham, Doris Williams, Agnes Perry, Lena Cuccia, Josephine DePaoli, Elizabeth Hunt, Ruth Blanquart, Della Pilling, Barbara King, Mary Zito, Dolores Bailey, Harry Embry, Gertrude Burr, Bessie Kenney, Elizabeth Fleury, Rena Soulia, Eva Stone, and Charles Rarick, Jr.

Birthday Greetings to Rena Soulia, whose birthday was August 1st, and to Nellie Jepson who celebrated hers on August 7th. Claire Denno will be eighteen years old on September 1st.

VACATIONERS: Eleanor Stoeber went to New York for a week...Caroline Grant also spent hers in New York and Hartford, Conn...Adele Solari spent a few days in Springfield, Mass...Barbara King vacationed at Hampton Beach.

Tubular Assembly

By Dot Gageant

VACATIONERS: Clara Dominick traveled to Asbury Park, N. J....Gertrude Gentile spent hers at home with her son, who was home on a six days leave from Sampson...Leon DeGraff went fishing at Sadawga Lake, Whitingham, Vermont...Jean Ross visited Lake George...Jimmy Mancuso vacationed with his family at Myrtle Beach, Milford, Conn...Charlotte O'Brien and Nellie Morin spent their vacations in New York.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

VACATIONERS: Shirley Gorman enjoyed hers resting...Rita White went to Savin Rock, Conn...Melva Heelan enjoyed her vacation at Springfield, Mass...Margaret Perrault spent her vacation at home resting...Gloria Modena has a beautiful tan which she received at Old Orchard Beach...Florence Gosselin and Alice Lavariere are back after enjoying their vacations...Evelyn Bissaillon went to Hoosac Lake, Cheshire...Roma Perrault travelled to New York...Alice Carpenter returned from her vacation well rested...Yvonne Perras was at home with her daughter, Joan...Charles Desrosier has returned from a well-deserved vacation.

Clara Genest is very happy these days—wonder if it's because a certain soldier is home on furlough—could be.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Millie Benoit on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Thibert.

What a big surprise our foreman, Charlie, received when he got back from his vacation. She's a beauty, and has such lovely lines. Stand very erect, everyone in the room can't help but admire her. I'm sure Charlie was delighted. Don't get too excited folks, it's only Charlie's new desk.

We wish Mrs. Booth, mother of Dot Davis, a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

Our assistant foreman, Frank Major, did an excellent job in the absence of our boss, Charlie.

We're glad to hear that Mr. Marlow is convalescing favorably. He's the husband of Dot and Pat's father.

At The Post



"Cookie" Blay of the Boxing Department Beaver Street.

Networks

By Lucy DeFazio

FLASH!

A few girls decided to have fish and chips one evening and started out for their destination by bus. After riding some distance, they discovered, much to their dismay, that they had taken the wrong bus. Out they piled and hiked by foot the rest of the way across the meadow. Adrienne Galipeau concluded she would definitely wear a pair of shoes that fit on her next adventure. Didn't we have a grand time, Emma?

Ruth Brouillett spent her vacation in Pittsburgh...Elizabeth Hamilton spent hers at home...Yours Truly traveled to Boston.

Emma Quinn certainly has more than her share of servicemen to entertain. She has two brothers-in-law home at present, one a Seabee and the other of the Marines; also five nephews: three in the Navy, one in the Air Force, and one in the Marines.



"W. E." Department

By Emma Alongi

VACATIONS:

Hetta Thompson—Philadelphia and Atlantic City
Norma Whipple—Cheshire
Lucille Allard—at home
Stella Blasi and Lottie Wysocki—Niantic

Margaret Bourassa—at home
Catherine Courtemanche—Cheshire
Rose Casuscelli—at home
Dorothy Moore—New York City

The gang extends their greetings to Rose Gravel, who recently celebrated her birthday. Rose also received a telegram greeting from her son stationed in Germany.

To "Pat" Pitaniello the best of luck to you and your new job.

Private first class, Raymond Lamoureux, husband of Lorraine, is home on a 30-day furlough. Ray was stationed in Germany.



P. A. A. Department

By Elsie Leja

Gwendolyn Primmer spent her vacation at Hampton Beach with her husband and children.

We thought it was bad when Viola Guilino recently got lost in Williamstown, but it was the pay-off when Bernadette Ford got lost on Holbrook Street. Bernie had to stop in a house on that street and phone her friend to come after her.

Bessie Paradis spent her vacation at Camp Breezy Acres.

Florence Lefave enjoyed her vacation at Glen Lake, Fairhaven, Vt.

Irene Moderski heard a commotion in her yard early one evening. She hurried out only to find Elsie Leja and two children enjoying a horse and buggy ride.

Saturday is always a happy day for Gert Snide. That's when the boyfriend comes to call.

A delicious chicken supper was enjoyed recently by employees of this Department at the Clarksburg Sportsmen Club. Dancing was enjoyed and piano selections were given by Elsie Leja.

A welcome is extended to Margie Cole who is with us again.

Hazel Belisle spent her vacation at Rutland, Vt. That was very good maple sugar you brought us, Hazel. Thanks.

Maintenance

By Dorothy Boutwell

Dan Primmer enjoyed a week's vacation the week of July 23rd. This was the first vacation Dan had in twenty years. Some record isn't it?

"Doc" Plumb spent the week of August 5th at Camp Plumb in the White Oak's section in Williamstown. No crowded trains for "Doc."

Arthur Caron spent the week of August 5th in New York City. Some difference from Stamford, hey, Art?

We, of Maintenance, are glad to see Dorothy Boutwell back on the job after her two weeks' vacation which she spent at Myrtle Beach, Connecticut, and in New York City. Well, Dot, how does it feel getting back on the old grind again?

"Doc." Plumb is now known as the "Ginger Ale Kid."

The Maintenance Department are all very glad to see Charles Wilson back after his recent illness. Welcome back, Charlie.

We hope to see John Millard back at work before too long.

Wire Coating -- 1st Shift

By Betty Jangrow

NEWS THAT IS NEWS

Have you heard the news? A stag party planned by some of the men of our Department, strange to say, turned out to be the Olympic Races of 1945, and was staged at Clarksburg. Their sudden spurt of energy was quite remarkable and all that their races lacked were the high hurdles. Bets were coming fast and furious and dimes changed hands with remarkable speed. It must be told that the laurel wreath went to Larry Haskins, with Ralph Blood running second best and Sammy Cookis coming in third.

The party lacked Larry Weld, who did not appear because he had one more fishing trip to take.

We'd like to know how the racers felt the morning after. So much exercise must have made the leg muscles groan in rebellion at such treatment. If anyone is limping around, you can bet he took part in the Stag party sports.

Before the party broke up, the gang enjoyed a round-table discussion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blood in Stamford.

Starting Judge: Kit Carson
Finishing Judges: Bill Battersby and Al Jangrow.

Races

Sam Cookis vs. Larry Haskins
Ralph Blood vs. Larry Haskins
Ernest Gamache vs. Larry Haskins
Paul Sanford vs. Larry Haskins

Mica Molding and Impregnation

By Jessie Vallieres

Tension in the Department has been very high, so your reporter has only a few items on vacation to contribute to this issue.

Gert Hanlon, your reporter, Jessie, and two friends, "Tete" Montagna of Sample Lab, and "Cookie" Blay of Tubular Assembly, enjoyed a week's vacation at Northwood Dude Ranch in the Adirondacks. It was a busy week and every type of sport was enjoyed. Just think girls only fifty more weeks to another happy vacation.

Helen Scarfone went to the Cape with her family for two weeks.

Theresa Valliers enjoyed Connecticut for a week.

Mica Preparation

By Julia Dumoulin

VACATIONS:

Dorothy Dupuis—At home
Julia Dumoulin—At home nursing a throat infection
Almaud Dupont—In Springfield
Mildred Prevey—Providence, R. I.
Congratulations to Mildred Jones Tatro on the birth of a baby girl. Baby arrived August 11th.

It seems good to have Josephine Dumas back to work after her long absence due to illness.

Whee-ee-e!



Frank Stawarz, Jr., proudly exhibits a 5½ pound bass caught at Laurel Lake. He is the son of Frank of the P.A.A. Department.

WHAT A CATCH!



A mess of brook trout caught by Douglas McCrea and party at St. Come, Quebec.



Congratulations:

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Herbert of 344 Ashland Street at the North Adams hospital, August 8th. Agnes is from Section Test.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Grillon of 345 West Main Street are the parents of a daughter, born at the North Adams hospital, August 8th. Rose is from Resistors.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bissailon at the North Adams hospital, Saturday, Aug. 11. Daddy Bissailon is from the Tubular Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tatro are the parents of a daughter born Saturday afternoon, August 11, at the Plunkett Memorial hospital in Adams. Mrs. Tatro, the former Mildred Jones, was an employee of the Mica Department.

Green Light for Yule Lights

Christmas this year promises to be a bright one as far as lights for Yule trees are concerned. The W.P.B. says Christmas tree and other decorative lights can be manufactured again.

The picture tube and a twelve-inch screen in television sets cost about \$100 before the war. Because of war experiments and mass production, that cost has been brought down two-thirds. This lowering the costs, plus other developments, will make it possible for even people with small incomes to own television sets when post-war markets are opened.

HOUSEHOLD GAS can be as dangerous as it is useful. Don't leave a window open near a gas flame nor forget kettles which may boil over. Either may put out the flame allowing the unlighted gas to escape.

SAFETY QUIZ

1. In which room of a residence do most accidents occur? What is the second most dangerous room?
2. What would you do if you smelled gas leaking in your home? a. Pull electric switch? b. Try to find a leak? c. Open the windows? d. Call the gas service man?
3. For what purpose does a person carry a white cane with a red tip?

Answers on this same page.



MROZ - FLEMING: Miss Delma Grace Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, was married to Francis Albert Mroz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mroz of Adams, Mass., Saturday, August 4, 1945. Delma is employed in the Resistor Department.

ROBERTS - RONDEAU: Miss Doris Margerite Rondeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rondeau of Stamford, Vt., and Staff Sgt. Leonard Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Roberts, were married Saturday morning, August 4, 1945. Doris is employed in the Dry Test Department.

ALDERMAN - WALKER: Miss Patricia Ann Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walker, Jr., of Adams, Mass., became the bride of Harold Ford Alderman, son of Mrs. Theodore Lambert, Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1945. Rev. Gilbert Potter of Fitchburg, an uncle of the bride, officiated. Patricia is employed in the Industrial Oil Department.

CHILSON - QUIRK: Miss Catherine A. Quirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Quirk, became the bride of Harold E. Chilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Chilson, Thursday morning, August 9, 1945. Harold a recently discharged veteran was formerly employed in the Maintenance Department.

CARDINAL - ROUGEAU: Miss Bartholine R. Rougeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rougeau of 146 Kemp Avenue, and Pfc. Victor C. Cardinal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor S. Cardinal of Simonds road, Williamstown, were married August 13. Miss Rougeau is employed in the Industrial Oil Department.

SEYMOUR - DUBREUIL: Miss Lorraine Joan Dubreuil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dubreuil of 103 Gallup Street, became the bride of Raymond Samuel Seymour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Seymour of Prospect Street, on August 13th. Lorraine is employed in the Selkar Department.

MORE FROM THE SOLDIERS

Shared Package

Laon, France
July 16, 1945

Sprague Employees
Dear Friends:

It is with the deepest gratitude that I thank you for the wonderful package. It arrived at a most opportune time. It is needless to express my feelings; you all know how much gifts like this mean to us. I shared the contents with my buddies and they join me in sending thanks.

I would like to extend my greetings to the boys and the staff of the Maintenance Department. I sincerely hope that some day in the not too distant future I may take up my place beside them.

Once again may I thank you one and all at the Sprague Electric for your splendid co-operation and thoughtfulness toward bettering the morale of your fellow employees in the service. Prosperity and heaps of success to the Sprague Electric Co.

As ever,
Sgt. Lawrence Clark

Corp. Edward M. Evans
On Pipeline Project

Corp. Edward M. Evans has been assigned to the Air Transport Command's pipeline project at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla., key base of the Caribbean division. He was formerly from the Stock Room.

The pipeline project, one of the biggest maintenance operations ever undertaken by the army air forces, involves the repair and overhaul of huge fleets of C-54 Skymaster cargo planes flying personnel and vital war supplies between Florida and India, and then over the "Hump" of the Himalayas into China.



On Oahu

Oahu, T. H.
July 27, 1945

Dear Miss Owen:

I received the package from the Sprague Employees on the 11th of July. I want to thank everyone at Sprague's for their thoughtfulness in sending the package to me. Thanks a million. A fellow away from home sure does appreciate a thought like this.

You will notice that I am now in the Pacific and in particular on the island of Oahu in the Hawaiian group. Life out here isn't too bad. There is quite a bit of entertainment to keep a fellow occupied, and the beach at Waikiki really lived up to all expectations. Not bad at all, but I still prefer the old Berkshires.

Thanks again to everyone and regards to the folks in the Mica Department.

Sincerely,
Harvey Rubin

Went to Calcutta

Sprague Employees
July 26, 1945

Dear Friends:

Upon returning from a furlough to Calcutta, I found the package sent awaiting me. I wish to thank each and everyone.

The Sprague Log arrives regularly and affords a great deal of pleasure. It enables a fellow to keep tabs on his former co-workers.

India isn't much of a place to get stuck in. The fellows here are just "sweating out" the war. Most of them think it will all be over quite soon.

Thanking you once again for everything.

I will sign off for now.

Andrew Montgomery

Tech. John F. O'Leary
Discharged, 129 Points

Technician 4th Grade, John F. O'Leary, formerly from the Paper Assembly, has received an honorable discharge after spending 36 months overseas.

A member of a Field Artillery Unit, Ex-Sgt. O'Leary holds the Bronze Star Medal and the ETO ribbon with seven battle stars.

With Chinese Combat Command

Pvt. Reginald Rowett, Jr., formerly of the Industrial Oil, is now on duty with the Chinese Combat Command, the U. S. Army organization working in the field with the Chinese army to increase their effectiveness against the Japanese invaders. This information was released to the Log editor from the Public Relations Officer of the Chinese Combat Command.

Seabee Attacked by Japanese Stragglers

A surprise attack by Japanese stragglers gave Navy Seabee William A. Brown, formerly from Machine Shop, his first chance to test his reactions under fire, and he said later that "there was nothing wrong with them."

"I executed the most beautiful swan dive you ever saw—right back into my fox hole."

"I'd been taken by surprise," Brown explained. "I heard firing, but didn't think there was any fighting and when I stepped out of my fox hole to see what was happening a bullet dug up the sand in front of me."

"It was too dark to see anyone," he said, "so I didn't make any attempt to return the fire. I just headed back for that hole."

Returns to Duty

Helena J. Sutton, yeoman second class, has returned to her station at Washington, D. C., after spending a short leave at the home of her parents. Helena was formerly employed in the Check Inspection Department.

Stands Without Hitchin'



"Tete" Montagna of the Sample Lab Brown Street.

Hello Again, Evelyn Fairchild

Word comes to us that Evelyn Fairchild has just returned from Mexico City. "Hola," Evelyn! (We hope that's the way you say it in Spanish). But in good of Americano we want to say, "Hi, and welcome home! We're all looking forward to your return to the Log as soon as your leave of absence is over."



The engagement of Miss Pauline Jandran to Corp. Henry J. Labonte has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Pauline formerly worked in the Selkar Department, Corp. Labonte was employed in the Block Annex before entering the armed forces.

GIRARD - LUCZYNSKI. Mr. and Mrs. John Luczynski of Clarksburg have announced the engagement of Miss Geraldine Girard, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Francis Girard of North Adams, to their son, John. The wedding will take place Oct. 6 at the St. Francis' church. John Luczynski is employed in the Impregnating Department.



Dorothy Boutwell, LOG Reporter for Maintenance, relaxing and enjoying life.

Answers to "Safety Quiz"

1. The kitchen is the most dangerous room in the home. The second most dangerous room in the home is the bathroom.
2. d.e. First call your gas service man; second, open all the windows and doors; third, get out of the house until the leak is repaired. Don't light a match for any reason.
3. A red-tipped white cane is the distinguishing mark of the blind. In some cities fines are levied for failing to stop an automobile when a "white cane" is crossing the traffic.

Back to Boston

Dominick J. Blasi, seaman first class, has returned to Boston after spending a 30-day leave at his home. Dominick was formerly from the Ovens Department.

NOTICE

Because of the many changes due to reconversion, will you please see that the Personnel Department is kept informed of any change in your address and telephone number.

VICTORY

MARSHALL MUSIC

Selkar

Glad to have Lila Beaudette back with us after her operation.

It's good to see Matty Robare and Margaret Battersby back to work again after their leave of absences.

Wonder where everyone is getting all the pretty earrings lately. The girls will have to go to some extent to beat Mary Barry's collection.

VACATIONISTS

Margaret Sacco—Torrington, Conn.
Mary Burlingham—Hartford, Conn.
Elizabeth Lawson—Resting
Robert Minneau—Montreal, Canada
Beatrice Day—Resting

Laura Derosier is certainly a happy woman lately since her son, Arthur, came home on a 30-day furlough. He was overseas for two years.

Conversation overheard: Gee, the war must be over, they are tearing the building down. No, that's not it, they are remodeling it for Post War work.

Shipping Dept.

By Isabelle Brundige

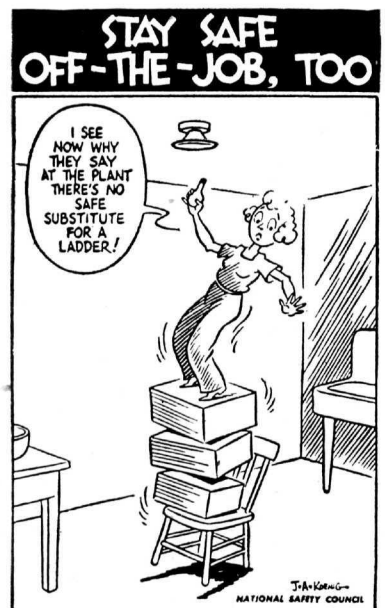
Frances Moreau went to Canada for a week. She says men are really men in Canada. Evidently Frances doesn't think much of our American brand of men.

Cecile Trudeau spent a week at Atlantic City. The stories she tells makes me wish I could take another vacation. Cecile has a beautiful tan, too.

Dot Slade took her son to New York and really showed him the town. Jimmie liked New York but he prefers the peace and quiet of Stamford. We don't blame him much, Stamford is a very nice place to live.

Abe Jones spent his vacation on Cape Cod. He celebrated V-J Day for two weeks before it actually came.

It has been an effort for me to write this much; I find it very difficult to concentrate today. I am sure you will understand when I say that this was written on V-J Day while waiting for the official announcement.



Inspection of Lovell Hospital And Room Furnished By Sprague Employees

Friday, July 27, 1945, marked the 170th anniversary of the United States Army Medical Department. In observance of this occasion open house was held at the Lovell General Hospital at Fort Devens, Mass.

As one of the many fortunate to visit the hospital at this time, I will attempt to describe my tour.

Visitors assembled in the reception room in building No. 1 at the Lovell General Hospital, South, from which tours were started. We first visited the operating rooms of which there are five. A medical officer briefly outlined their routine and invited inspection. Adjoining the operating rooms are the sterilizing, instrument, stretcher, and doctors' and nurses' scrub rooms. It is needless to say here, that examples and displays of most efficient personnel were all around.

Physical Therapy

Next we visited two wards. In the first were patients being treated for wounds in different parts of the body, in the second the patients were those being treated for wounds in the legs or hips. In this ward traction splints were very much in evidence. At this point a ward officer explained: most patients following an operation receive a treatment known as Physical Therapy. Some receive the treatment in bed but those who can walk, take it in the Physical Therapy building. Our visit to this building was most interesting. The officer explained how the heat of the water and the speed of the motor, which swirls the water around in the vats is controlled. In an adjoining room are the lights used for further treatment—Lights for the limbs, abdomen and back, also the ultra-violet ray machine and two electric machines. Of course massages accompany the above treatments by and under supervision of expert Physical Therapist. (P.T.'s.)

Occupational Therapy

Our visit to the Occupational Therapy Department, where the boys are occupied in making different articles requiring much concentration, caused many exclamations of astoundment. Here are machines for the conditioning and training of the lower extremities, and also lathes and presses for conditioning and training of the upper extremities. I saw rugs being woven on hand-operated looms, pottery and plastic articles of all sizes and shapes, children's toys, jig-saw puzzles and fine examples of leather work and stenciling.

Musical Therapy

Musical Therapy is another important method for the treatment of the boys. Through the playing of instruments co-ordination is developed and muscles are strengthened. Every kind of an instrument obtainable is here for them. If a boy should be interested in a certain instrument and desirous of learning to play, every effort is made to find a teacher for him. In fact, an orchestra has been organized among the boys and a special room has been set aside for them to practise and play in.

As the guide said here: "We have followed patients from the Operating room through the Physical Occupational and Musical Therapy and now the

last phase before they are well enough to leave, the Remedial and Recreational Gymnasium." Every type of gym equipment is here, shoulder wheels, pulleys, gym horses, rowing machines, etc. A jeep for testing the power of co-ordination is a special feature, as many of the boys questioned their ability to drive after injury. The testing setup is most ingenious and is proof of the interest taken in the boys to restore confidence.

So ended the tour through the hospital and the time for the military ceremonies was at hand. I will just give the highlight of this. The awarding of decorations, three-fourths being the Purple Heart and the review.

Four-thirty was retreat. As the flag was lowered into the waiting arms of the M.P.'s and all men stood at attention, a feeling of great pride filled my heart. The folding of Old Glory by the four M.P.'s was a sight to see.

Music Room Furnished by Sprague Employees

Following retreat, we went to Lovell Hospital, East, where we visited the Sprague Employees' Music Room.

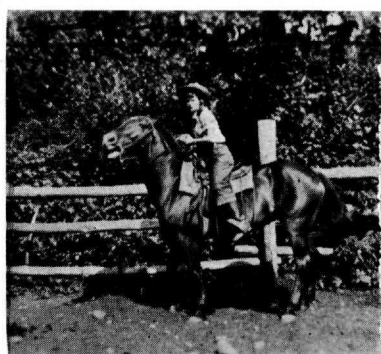
You, who so willingly have done your part to make this room possible, should be very proud. It is grand. Upon the outside of the door is the placard reading: Sprague Music Room; upon the door inside is another placard reading: This Room furnished by the Sprague Electric Employees of North Adams, Mass. These placards were put there by order of Maj. Licht until we have our own plaque made for the room.

I would like to add for further information of the readers that Lovell General Hospital was one of the first general hospitals to be erected in this war, and received its first patients on June 20, 1941. Since that time, this hospital has cared for more than 41,000 patients. It is staffed by 130 medical and dental officers, 400 nurses, as well as a great number of administrative officers, enlisted men and women and civilians. At present it is the largest general hospital in the country and has over 5,000 patients.

The staff of the Lovell General Hospital pledges to the American public, that it will continue to give the best medical attention available today to all its fighting men.

M. Mathews

Two Shy!



Jessie Vallieres of the Mica Impregnation at Brown Street.

Married 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godfrey celebrate wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Godfrey recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Godfrey is at Sprague's Beaver Street plant, Networks Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey were married at Petersburg, N. Y., but have always made their home in Williamstown. They are the parents of four daughters and three sons. There are also 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. All of the children and most of the grandchildren were able to be present at a supper given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey.

SAFETY "SONNET"

Don't follow safety rules—
They're just a pack of lies!
Never wear your goggles —
They'll hide your big brown eyes.
Don't wear your safety shoes —
They're heavy on the feet.
Be sure to play a joke
On everyone you meet.
Be careless as you can,
Be debonair and gay,
Everyone will like you
If things are done this way.
Obey the rules above,
Don't do as you are told,
And you can surely bet
That YOU won't grow too old!

A 12-Ring 'Circus'

A new transmission system makes it possible to broadcast as many as 12 programs at once from a single radio transmitter.

Guard within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness.

—George Sand

TRUE VICTORY

Four years of hope, prayer, tears, sorrow and loneliness — now they tell us it is all over. V-J Day has come!

The end of V-E Day was one-half the job. V-J Day brings an end to this second world-wide war.

It will take generations to wipe out the terror and hellishness of World War II. The guns have stopped but are still vibrating for many. For these people who have suffered so much, there can be no true victory; there can be no true peace. For others, victory bells ring out. Victory fills their hearts with emotion. But true victory is not yet ours. Victory can not be won merely by the cease-fire signals. It can not be won until the seed for peace has been planted, cultivated and nourished for succeeding generations. Only then, with much patience and tolerance, will come true happiness in the world, true peace and true victory for all.

Eleanor Salerno

Ride 'Em, Cowboy!



Gertrude Hanlon of the Mica Impregnation Department at Brown Street.

Marshall Street Special

As we go to press we note that a substantial number of people have been called back to Marshall Street, beginning Monday, August 27.

There are two kinds of discontent in this world: the discontent that works, and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants, and the second loses what it has. There's no cure for the first but success and there's no cure at all for the second.

—Gordon Graham

Shortage of food in Vermont must be acute. Kathleen Lewis packs an original lunch, a deck of cards. Does she really enjoy club sandwiches or did she really bring the wrong package to work? ?

Jean Parker: "Whenever I am down in the dumps, I get myself a new hat!"

Owen Culbertson: "I was wondering where you got them."

Big S.E.A.A. Clambake

At Sunnyside, Sept. 9

Sports Program Included

(Tickets must be paid for by Sept. 1)

All Employees and Friends
Welcome

VICTORY